

DELIBERATIVE PROCESS

Interview Summary

Person(s) Interviewed: Sylvia Quast, Regional Counsel, Region 9

Interviewers: MaryKay Lynch, Allyn Stern (by phone)

Date: November 30, 2015

Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm (Pacific Time)

Sylvia Quast was interviewed on November 30, 2015, as part of an EPA After-Action review of the Agency's response to the release at Gold King Mine in Colorado on August 5, 2015. Sylvia provided legal coordination with the Navajo Nation Attorney General's office. Sylvia was involved between 8/7/15 – 8/20/15, after which time she was out of the office until September.

Synopsis of interview

General Observations and Recommendations.

- Sylvia was notified of the incident on Friday, August 7, 2015 by Bob Ward, Regional Counsel for Region 8. She was told that there was a spill from an abandoned mine and that acid mine drainage was flowing downstream to New Mexico and potentially to the Navajo Nation. At that time, the extent of the plume was not known.
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